

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 813
By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clarice Williams
of Cheatham County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Clarice Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served with acumen and alacrity as an educator in which position she earned the respect of her students, colleagues, and principals alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from her teaching career at the age of 65, Mrs. Williams continued to serve as a substitute teacher until age 80; and

WHEREAS, an avid traveler, she had visited every state in the U.S. except for Hawaii, which she contended she had not visited because a bridge to the islands had yet to be built; and

WHEREAS, still an adventurer at age 91, she rode down the Snake River in a boat; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Williams always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams enjoyed the companionship of her beloved husband, W.B. (Bill) Williams, who preceded her in death; she was the proud mother of Mary Kathryn Perry, Jean Coffman, Bettye E. Wood, Billy Ray Williams, Bobby Williams, and Jerre Williams; and

WHEREAS, having attained the age of 101, Mrs. Williams was believed to be the oldest citizen in Cheatham County at the time of her death; she leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Clarice Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her remarkable career as an educator, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.